

MX<sub>1</sub>X<sub>2</sub>MX<sub>3</sub>EKwdx<sub>4</sub>NSSE (SEQ ID NO:1),

wherein X<sub>1</sub>, X<sub>2</sub>, X<sub>3</sub> and X<sub>4</sub> are selected from codable amino acids, or a functionally equivalent fragment of said receptor, in a substantially pure form or a host cell transformed according to claim 14, with a test agent under conditions enabling the activation of said receptor, and detecting an increase or decrease in the receptor activity.

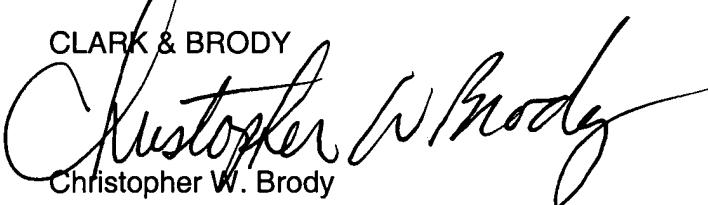
**REMARKS**

The above amendments are made to delete multiple dependency in the claims. No new matter is contained in the amendment.

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## MARKED-UP CLAIMS

Claim 11 (once amended) A host cell transformed with a polynucleotide molecule [according to] encoding an NPY-Y7 receptor or a functionally equivalent fragment thereof, wherein the encoded NPY-Y7 receptor is characterized by the N-terminal amino acid sequence:

MX<sub>1</sub>X<sub>2</sub>MX<sub>3</sub>EKwdx<sub>4</sub>NSSE (SEQ ID NO: 1),

wherein X<sub>1</sub>, X<sub>2</sub>, X<sub>3</sub>, and X<sub>4</sub> are selected from codable amino acids [any one of claims to 9] or a plasmid or expression vector according to claim 10.

Claim 22 (once amended) A method for detecting agonist or antagonist agents of an NPY-Y7 receptor, comprising contacting an NPY-Y7 receptor [according to] which is characterized by the N-terminal amino acid sequence:

MX<sub>1</sub>X<sub>2</sub>MX<sub>3</sub>EKwdx<sub>4</sub>NSSE (SEQ ID NO:1),

wherein X<sub>1</sub>, X<sub>2</sub>, X<sub>3</sub> and X<sub>4</sub> are selected from codable amino acids, or a functionally equivalent fragment of said receptor, in a substantially pure form [any one of claims 15-19] or a host cell transformed according to claim 14 [any one of claims 11 to 14], with a test agent under conditions enabling the activation of said receptor, and detecting an increase or decrease in the receptor activity.